

Emergency Management & Public Safety

Mission

To protect the public health and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Indiana.

Summary of Activities

The **Adjutant General** is responsible for the overall management of the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, comprised of 14,000 Indiana citizens located in sixty nine armories and two air bases statewide. Guardsmen must be prepared to respond to state emergencies and maintain federal readiness standards. The Indiana National Guard serves the citizens of the state and the nation in peace and in war.



The **State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is responsible for the maintenance of a level of operational readiness (personnel, equipment, facilities and supplies) to respond to any contingency that may threaten or occur within the state. This includes the coordination of all state resources on behalf of the Governor.

The Emergency Medical Services Division within SEMA is responsible for the development, promotion, and maintenance of an effective system of emergency medical services. This responsibility includes the regulation, inspection, and certification of services, facilities, and personnel engaged in providing emergency medical services.

The **Department of Fire and Building Services**, which houses the **Office of the State Building Commissioner**, is tasked with the enforcement of the adopted building code requirements for site-built structures other than one- and two-family dwellings. The Department is responsible for the periodic inspection of all lifting devices throughout the state to ensure compliance with the Elevator Safety Code, boiler and pressure vessel devices for compliance with code, and amusement devices for compliance with the Amusement Device Code. The Office is responsible for the review of all projects filed with the Plan Review Division.

The **Office of the State Fire Marshal** is responsible for fire safety inspection of approximately 40,000 occupied buildings throughout Indiana, with the exception of one- and two-family homes and manufactured housing units. The Fire Marshal also assists local fire departments in determining the causes and origins of fires, and conducts investigations into crimes involving fire. The Fire Marshal provides assistance to local fire departments and emergency response units with hazardous material incidents. It also promotes the development and delivery of training and education to ensure that individual and groups with key emergency management responsibilities have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform their jobs effectively.

External Factors

The most significant external factor affecting the Indiana National Guard is the ability to recruit and retain citizen-soldiers to meet federal mandates. The level of federal funding that goes to the Indiana National Guard is tied to the number of its citizen-soldiers. This translates to jobs for Indiana citizens and \$250 million in federal funds coming into Indiana communities.

SEMA activities are highly subject to unpredictable weather, natural disasters and terrorist events.

Evaluation and Accomplishments

The Indiana National Guard has been very successful maintaining its strength, currently ranked 5th in the nation. Camp Atterbury, located near Edinburgh, Indiana, was activated for the first time since World War II on February 27, 2003 for the mobilization of soldiers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. 6,235 soldiers from 34 Army

units have been processed through Camp Atterbury to support our war on terror efforts. As a result of the activation, \$50 million in federal dollars have infused into the local economy to support payrolls of Hoosier soldiers assigned to Camp Atterbury, and for goods, services and supplies. Since July 2002, 43 Indiana Army National Guard units comprised of 2,892 personnel have been activated to support overseas efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan and Homeland Defense in Indiana. The Indiana National Guard has supported many Federal missions relating to the war on terror providing over 790 personnel flying F-16 aircraft and supporting ground crews.

Since 1990, SEMA has responded to and administered 17 Major Disaster/Emergency Declarations by the President of the United States, as well as numerous other emergency/disaster situations that were not of sufficient magnitude to receive federal assistance. SEMA is responsible for administering millions of dollars in federal disaster assistance and Department of Homeland Security grants every year.

The State Building Commissioner has implemented E-filing or electronic filing of plans to the Plan Review Division. E-filing allows for faster turnaround time in the filing process as well as great savings in time and money for both the citizens of the State and the Department. The State Fire Marshal continues the implementation of a program on college and university dorm fire safety that has been presented to institutions of higher education. This program emphasizes the need for fire safety in college student living environments. The Juvenile Firesetter Task Force has expanded its outreach to at risk children. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has developed a program to effectively track the number of juvenile set fires in Indiana in an effort to create appropriate assistance to the children and their families.



Plans for the Biennium

All of the agencies that contribute to emergency management and public safety plan to continue the maintenance of a level of operational readiness to respond to any contingency that may threaten/occur within the state.

